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In Re U.S. Patent Application)
Applicant: Tanaka et al.)
CIP of Serial No. 09/809,475)
Filed: March 15, 2001)
For: MAGNETO-OPTICAL)
RECORDING MEDIUM)
AND METHOD OF)
REPRODUCING THE SAME)
Art Unit: 2652)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 12, 15 and 17 as follows:

6. (Amended) A magneto-optical recording medium as set forth in any one of claims 3 or 4, wherein a thickness of the mask layer is in the range of 3 to 67 % of a thickness of the reproduction layer.

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